

## SOLEC 2000 Detailed Conference Agenda - September 27, 2000 Draft

### Day 1 - Tuesday October 17, 2000 - Great Lakes Overview

#### PLENARY: State of the Great Lakes

- 8:30** Native greeting/ceremony - *Norm Jacobs, Six Nations of the Grand River*  
Welcomes and Opening Ceremonies - *Harvey Shear (Emcee)*
- 9:00** SOLEC History & 10 year plan - *Paul Horvatin*
- 9:10** Conclusions (state of the Lakes based on indicators from the following categories) - *Anne Kerr, EC*
- 9:15** Overview (of process to get to conclusions) - *Harvey Shear*
- 9:20** State of the Lakes Details:
- 9:20 water - *Melanie Neilson, Environment Canada*
- 9:40 coastal wetlands - *Tom Burton, Michigan State University*
- 10:00** Break
- 10:30 land (includes land use) - *Victoria Pebbles, Great Lakes Commission*
- 10:50 human health (35 min):
- Introduction - *Heraline Hicks, ATSDR*
  - Beach closures - *Marcia Jimenez, City of Chicago*
  - Drinking water - *Rod Holme, past president American Water Works Association*
  - Fish consumption - *Patricia McCann, Minnesota Dept of Health*
- 11:25 societal - *Henry Lickers, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne*
- 11:45** Index Development (fishability + other aggregated indicators) - *Paul Bertram, U.S. EPA*
- 11:55** Summary and Charge - *Kelly Burch, Pennsylvania Dept of Environmental Protection*
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- 12:15** Lunch + speaker (*Liz Dowdeswell*)
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#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS: In-Depth Indicator Discussions

- 2:00** Concurrent Breakout Sessions  
(from the above categories: water; wetlands; land; societal; and 4 human health sessions - general, beach closures, drinking water, fish contaminants). Use the first session to:
- look at the indicators - what are they saying? what are the gaps? what are the research needs?  
Look at all tiers of indicators.
- 3:30** Break
- 4:00** Concurrent Breakout Sessions (continued)  
Use the second session to:
- look at ways to aggregate indicators in each category
  - look at agency mandates, who should take ownership of each indicator, and try to get commitments for indicators
- 5:30** Adjourn

#### DISPLAY & POSTER SESSION

- 5:30-7:00** Display & Poster Session Mixer (wine & beer available)

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### Day 2 - Wednesday October 18, 2000 - Local Perspective

#### PLENARY: Putting Indicators to Use

- 8:30** Recap of Day 1 & Overview of Day 2 - *Paul Horvatin (Emcee)*  
**8:45** BIA Integration (including history from SOLEC 94, 96 & 98) - *Ron Reid*  
**9:15** Putting Indicators to Use (presentations by local groups)  
9:15 Introduction - *Karen Rodriguez, U.S. EPA*  
9:20 Hamilton Harbour - *John Hall, Hamilton Harbour RAP*  
9:40 Chicago Wilderness - *John Rogner*  
**10:00** Break  
10:30 Marsh Monitoring Program (binational) - *Russ Weeber, Bird Studies Canada*  
10:50 International Alvar Conservation Initiative (binational) - *Heather Potter, TNC*  
11:10 First Nations Wild Rice Program (binational) - *Peter David, GLIFWS*  
**11:30** Success Stories - *TBD*  
**12:30** Summary - *Karen Rodriguez, U.S. EPA*
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**12:40** Lunch (no speaker)

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#### BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Indicator Toolbox

- 1:30** Concurrent Sessions  
- Opportunity to gather more information on each of the 5 case studies (Hamilton Harbour, Chicago Wilderness, Marsh Monitoring Program, Alvar Conference, Wild rice)  
(examples of issues to look at within each session: easements; ecological restoration; volunteer monitoring programs; indicators at the local level; fundraising; how to affect change in local governance (zoning); how to keep public interest; GIS approach; industry and community partnerships).  
- A session on the integrated Biodiversity Investment Areas will also be offered at this time.  
- A session on Ecological Indices will also be offered during this time (ELP; Fish Community Index; Bertram's Index).  
**3:00** Adjourn

#### AFTERNOON FIELD TRIPS

**3:30** Fun run; Excursions

#### DINNER: Sheraton Hotel

- 6:00** Cash Bar Opens  
**7:00** SHEMA; Recognition awards (success stories); Dinner; Guest speaker *Dr. Benjamin Tuggle (U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Chief of the Division of Habitat Conservation)*

## Day 3 - Thursday October 19, 2000 - "Know Your Lake"

### PLENARY: Lake Ecosystem Status

**8:30** Recap Day 2 & Overview of Day 3 - *Harvey Shear (Emcee)*

**8:40** Lake Presentations

8:40 St. Lawrence River - *Yves de Lafontaine, Environment Canada*

9:00 Lake Ontario - *Bob Lange, NY Dept of Environmental Conservation*

9:20 Lake Erie: A Changing Ecosystem - *Sandra George, Environment Canada*

9:40 Lake St Clair plus Detroit & St Clair Rivers - *Gary Johnson, Ontario Ministry of Environment*

10:00 Lake Huron/St. Marys River - *Larry Schleen, Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada and Jim Bredin, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes*

**10:20** Break

10:50 Lake Michigan - *TBD and Tom Trudeau, Illinois Dept. Of Natural Resources*

11:30 Lake Superior - *Darrell Piekarz, Environment Canada*

**11:50** Charge to Participants - *Harvey Shear*

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**12:00** Lunch (no speaker)

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### BREAKOUT SESSIONS: Lake Sessions & Cross-Cutting Great Lakes Issues

**1:00** Concurrent Sessions

St Lawrence (water quantity for whole basin)

Lake Ontario

Lake Erie

Lake St Clair/Detroit River/St Clair River

Lake Huron/St. Marys River

Lake Michigan

Lake Superior

Trend Analysis

EDC & pharmaceuticals

Natural Knowledge Systems

### PLENARY: Commencement

**3:00** Conference Wrap-up (Mills, Ullrich, Lyons)

**3:20** SOLEC 2000 Adjourns

Native Closing - *Norm Jacob, Six Nations of the Grand River*

**3:30-5:00** Meetings rooms available for other groups